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California Recovery Task Force Announces \$53 Million in Recovery Act Funds for California Transportation Projects

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's California Recovery Task Force today announced that \$53 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funding has been allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to five additional transportation projects in California.

“My Administration is working hand in hand with President Obama's team to pump Recovery funding into California quickly and responsibly to help drive our economy,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “Investing in California's infrastructure helps put Californians back to work and supports long-term economic growth, while also reducing traffic congestion and improving our very quality of life.”

The projects that received Recovery Act funding allocations today were:

- **San Luis Obispo County** - \$45.9 million to make a wide range of improvements to U.S. 101 in and near Atascadero. The project will resurface nearly 43 lane miles of the highway, widen a bridge and install a safety guardrail to protect motorists.
- **Santa Barbara County** - \$4.2 million to resurface 18 lane miles of Highway 154 near Santa Barbara and resurface 25 lane miles of Highway 1 near Lompoc.
- **Santa Clara County** - \$6.4 million to install more than 170 closed-circuit television cameras along freeway ramps on State Routes 85, 87, 101 and 237, and Interstates 680 and 280. The cameras will enable Caltrans to better monitor traffic incidents on the ramps and respond more quickly to clear the incidents and get traffic moving again.
- **Alpine County** - \$1.5 million to resurface 14.6 lane miles of State Route 4 near Markleeville.



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- **Inland Empire** - \$1.4 million to develop a geographical information system that will enable Caltrans to maintain an inventory of important archeological sites in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The CTC also allocated an additional \$214 million to 44 transportation projects statewide, including \$73.9 million in non-Recovery Act funding to Doyle Drive, the 73-year-old southern access to the Golden Gate Bridge and a vital transportation link between San Francisco and Marin counties. In April, the CTC allocated \$50 million in Recovery Act funding to the project, which could receive an additional \$50 million from the Recovery Act.

For a comprehensive list of all projects that received allocations funding today, please visit: www.dot.ca.gov/docs/ctcprojectallocationsoct2009.pdf

California leads the nation with more than \$2 billion in Recovery Act funding federally obligated to 680 highway and local street transportation projects statewide. Of these, 229 projects supported by \$838 million from the Recovery Act have been awarded contracts to begin work. California was the first state in the nation to obligate \$1 billion of Recovery Act funding, doing so two months ahead of the federal June 30, 2009 deadline.

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